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TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, TS, UNCTAD

SUBJECT: SUGAR: ROC AND RENEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL  
SUGAR AGREEMENT

1. RENEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT ( ISA)  
OF 1968 IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN UNDER UNCTAD AUSPICES MAY 7.  
ROC HAS NOT BEEN INVITED ATTEND CONFERENCE, AND OUR WORK-  
ING ASSUMPTION IS THAT ROC WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM NEW OR  
EXTENDED ISA.

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2. ROC SUGAR EXPORTS IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEEN PRINCIPALLY TO JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, AND U. S. FIRST TWO ARE MEMBERS ISA AND UNDER ITS TERMS, WOULD BE REQUIRED LIMIT IMPORTS FROM ROC AS NON- MEMBER. U. S. CURRENTLY NON- MEMBER, BUT SAME OBLIGATION WOULD APPLY IF WE JOIN. NON- MEMBER IMPORT QUOTAS OF IMPORTERS ARE CALCULATED USING 1966-1968 AS BASE PERIOD. ROC SHIPMENTS TO ABOVE IMPORTERS WERE LOWER IN THAT PERIOD THAN IN 1970-72.

3. OPPORTUNITIES TO SAFEGUARD ROC MARKET ACCESS ARE LIMITED, AND AS ISA NON- MEMBER ( BUT CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT) OUR ABILITY INFLUENCE OUTCOME PROBABLY SMALL. HOWEVER, TO REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF HEAVY ROC PRESSURE FOR INCREASED U. S. QUOTA AT EXPENSE OTHER SUPPLIERS, AND IN INTEREST OF STABILITY OF WORLD SUGAR MARKET, WE PREPARED CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS WHICH MIGHT ALLEVIATE ROC PROBLEM.

4. ONE POSSIBILITY WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE NEGOTIABLE IS TO USE LATER BASE PERIOD ( E. G. 1970-1972) TO CALCULATE IMPORTS FROM ANY MEMBER OF 1968 ISA WHICH INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW OR EXTENDED AGREEMENT. THIS MIGHT BE COUPLED WITH EXEMPTION OF SUCH IMPORTS FROM ISA PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS FROM NON- MEMBERS WHEN PRICES ARE BELOW MINIMUM OF RANGE, ALTHOUGH THIS VERY LIKELY NON- NEGOTIABLE.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH ROC. REACTION

TO IDEA PARA 4 ABOVE OR ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE WELCOME. DECONTROL 1/1/74. ROGERS

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